

Annual Report Of Commerce Mills To The Public.

Territory Has a State Under
Most Favorable Conditions; Pop-
ulation Doubled in Ten Years.

The annual report of Governor William C. Williams to the legislature of the territory has been made public by the government, according to the *Albuquerque Journal-Herald*. The report is a full and exhaustive review of the condition of the territory, government and politics, and covers forty-five pages of type print. It being the last annual report, it will ever be a valuable history of New Mexico, and a copy of the report is now in the possession of the state library.

The report begins with a general review of the conditions of the territory during the years 1910 and 1911, including the progress of railroad building, dry farming, irrigation projects, mining and the construction of good roads, which brings to mind a picturesque view of the development improving condition of the territory as a whole.

There has been a rapid growth in population since 1910 and the governor places 300,000 as a conservative estimate of the number of inhabitants at present.

Taking the plains into consideration on the subject of development, we are free to say that it has been marvelous. The greater part of the land has been taken up by immigrants from the east who have built towns, turned the open range into fields, established roads, telephone lines, school houses and barns, and in doing so have done much benefit to the country. The plains are being developed rapidly, and the country is becoming more and more like the plains of the east.

D. J. Williams,
to Our Readers,
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GOOD SNOW.

A fine snow fell Monday night adding much moisture to the already moist ground. It began about 2 o'clock Monday evening, and continued all night Monday night. It was a mild warm snow about 5 inches deep and stockmen are highly pleased as wolf-joe farms. The usual snow balling took place on the street and the climax was reached when Harry Bishop and Carl Aber pulled off a ten round stunt. Bishop finally carrying off the hub.

Though the roads have been muddy from the snow fall, the mail has been on time during the week. The snow is light at Mountain and other places between Lovington and

Judge H. C. Johnson Attorney at Law, Johnson, Inc., opened a law office in Roswell, Gaines Co., and will practice in all the courts of the State, and in U. S. Courts. Johnson got into his law office and prompt attention.

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Maine Blown Up By An Explosion From Outside.

Navy Department issued Brief Statement in which it shows That Magazine in Warship Was Exploded.

[Albuquerque Herald.]
Washington, Dec. 6.—The battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an explosion from the outside. This is the first of a short statement issued by the navy department today, based on findings made by the joint navy and navy board which went over and over the vessel's hulls and

Bank In Fine Condition.

Bank Examiner Found It in Fine Shape and Praised It Highly.

Territorial Bank examiner John J. Gouldell into Lovington Saturday. He found the bank in fine shape and highly commended it. He said he had been in many banks in the country and in no country was banking business better conducted than in New Mexico.

The bank was organized and incorporated by the well-known citizens of the country, and is now in full operation, having 20 accounts, and is well known throughout the state.

The statement was as follows: "The explosion that occurred to the bottom of the Maine was caused by the exploding of a charge of low form exterior to the ship between frames 28 and 31, starboard port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reserve magazine, A-14-M, and contents including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the remaining forward magazine followed. The midships explosion resulted in the destruction of the vessel."

The Bank has many good customers on the plains, and is taking the lead in the country. It has helped many over the rough road and is very creditable to our small town.

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